

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12, 15-18, 20, 21 and 23-25 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 26 are amended for clarification purposes only. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

It is greatly appreciated that the Office Action indicates that claims 13, 14, 19, 22 and 26 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

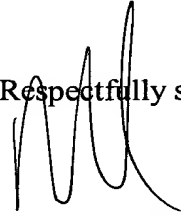
Moreover, Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Kim during the January 25, 2005 telephonic interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks. Specifically, claims 13 and 26 are amended to comply with the Examiner's helpful suggestions made during the interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 13, 14, 19, 22 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 13 and 26 are amended to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 13, 14, 19, 22 and 26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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